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In re Application of: Ichiro TAKEDA et al.)	Confirmation No.: 3704
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

An Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the Notice of Allowability recently issued in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's statements. Applicants respectfully assert that the cited references fail to teach at least the limitations indicated by the Examiner, and that each and every claim independently distinguishes over the cited references on their own merits, as delineated in the features of said claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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